

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	6868	Agenda Number	51.
Meeting Date:	May 26, 2011			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a 29-month requirements contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BUYBOARD) with SOIL EXPRESS, Prosper, TX, and GAME TIME /TOTAL RECREATION PRODUCTS, INC., Cypress, TX, for engineered wood fiber mulch for the Parks and Recreation Department, in an amount not to exceed \$855,000.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$117,932 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget for the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding for the remaining twenty-four months of the initial contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase			
Prior Council Action:	█			
For More Information:	Cruz Banda, Buyer II /974-2133			
Boards and Commission Action:	█			
MBE / WBE:	This Cooperative Contract is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority –Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.			
Related Items:	█			

Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide safety surface material for playscape areas for the Parks and Recreation Department. The current playgrounds at various parks in the City of Austin have pea gravel as a fall attenuate safety surface. The Texas Health and Safety Code 756.061, subchapter E states that Publicly Funded Playgrounds shall fully comply with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) playground safety standards; Consumer Safety Performance Specification (CSPS) for Playground Equipment for Public Use. This safety surface materials are for falls greater than five feet. A majority of the playgrounds in the City of Austin have falls heights greater than five feet. The engineered wood fiber mulch provides more safety for public use of playgrounds and provides less risk of injury, and meets ADA accessibility.

Soil Express and Game time/Total Recreation Products, Inc. are contracted through BuyBoard to supply these materials and services statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract provides for local government agencies to make use of their collective purchasing power and is authorized under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.